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F. minima Fries. Weed in cultivated ground, Reading (*W. H. Manning*, September, 1891). Specimen in herb. Gray. Adventive from Europe.

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Hibiscus oculiroseus in Rhode Island.—The discovery of what appears to be *Hibiscus oculiroseus* Britton in a brackish swamp at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, may be an extension of range worth recording. On Aug. 19, 1917, the writer found several plants of this species sprinkled among hundreds of native Swamp Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus Moscheutos* L.), their *white petals* with *crimson bases* in striking contrast to the pink petals of the latter. Except for this color distinction the general appearance of the two species is similar, although there is a technical difference in the shape of the capsules and calyx lobes.

Manuals and local floras give the range of this species as S.E. New York, New Jersey and southward, and as far as the writer knows *Hibiscus oculiroseus* has not been reported from New England. There is no reason to believe that the plants were purposely introduced by man. At any rate *Hibiscus* is a sturdy genus, some species adapting themselves to fresh and brackish marshes as well as to the drier soil of gardens, and it is probable that these plants will continue to exist at this station, unless the entire swamp is destroyed by threatened dredging operations for the improvement of the neighborhood.

Specimen filed at the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club.—S. N. F. Sanford, Boston, Mass.

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